

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, June 19, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that the request from Trinity United Church of Christ for permission to lease a portion of city right-of-way to place a handicapped ramp in the diamond alley behind the church at 839 4<sup>th</sup> Street is granted and that the required fee is paid and an ordinance is prepared.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the request from Dan Burke to close First Street in the area of Two Fools from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. for "Rock the Block" on Saturday, August 18, 2012 is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the requests for "Slow – Children Playing" signs in the 300 block of LaHarpe Street and in the 14500 block of Linden Street are granted. Voice vote all ayes, with the exception of Alderman Lavieri who voted Nay. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ameren Illinois as allowed to break ground 1. To retire gas service for demolition at 325 Gooding and 535 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. 2. To trench and bore in new gas service at 353 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. 3. To relocate a pole line for road improvements on Canal Street at LaFayette Street. 4. To retire gas service for demolition at 1139 Canal Street. Each and every alderman has a copy of the requests. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

The request for a solicitor's license from Modesto Pantoja will be addressed at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the request from St. Hyacinth's Bazaar Committee for permission to block 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Tonti to Hennepin Streets on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 4:00 P.M. to midnight for their annual bazaar is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers' Report for May 2012 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$478,121.87 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,793,533.39 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes that the Building Inspectors' Report for June 2012 showing total value of construction of \$129,025.00 and total fees collected of \$1,639.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report listing motor fuel tax allotment for June 2012 of \$17,504.27 is accepted and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

## **BID: 1994 Crown Victoria; 1994 Ford F250 and 2000 GMC 2500 van**

No bids were received.

## **BID: 2012 Road Project**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the only bid received from Leonard Trovero Construction in the amount of \$710,067.85 is accepted since it was within the Engineer's estimate.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

## **BID: 2012 Road Project**

**Leonard Trovero Construction for \$710,067.85**

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the council hears the recommendations of the Public Health Committee regarding banning leaf burning.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Duncan, Chair. Of the Public Health Committee gave the committee's leaf burning ban recommendation. He gave the proposed language on a burning ban as well as language to make exceptions by permit. Alderman Duncan also gave the definition of landscape waste and the proposed fine schedule for an ordinance and he gave the guidelines for issuance of a burn permit which would be given by the Fire Chief when and if a permit is given.

Police Chief Uranich said he wanted to point out that the majority of the complaints the department receives are in the evening and are concerning recreational burning.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the question of whether or not residents are allowed to burn leaves or not to burn leaves in the city is put to a non-binding referendum.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Edgcomb, Herndon. NAY: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. Motion failed.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the council accepts the recommendation by the Public Health Committee concerning the burn ordinance.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Ptak, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider. NAY; Alderman Bacidore, Edgcomb, Herndon. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to remove a handicapped parking spot on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in front of the News Tribune is denied.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that the tabled item regarding the speed limit on Crosat Street North from 11<sup>th</sup> to Baker Avenue is removed from the table.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the city's speed indicator is placed on Crosat Street to determine the speed of traffic and that there be additional police coverage in that area.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request for no parking (at least 2 car lengths) on the East side of Crosat Street South on 5<sup>th</sup> Street is denied.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

Alderman Bacidore reported that a request has been received for the city to allow the alley behind the future Dollar General Store to be closed July 20<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup> for approximately 2 weeks. This item will be placed on the July 17<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan that the recommendation by the Police and Fire Board to hire three police officers is accepted and approved.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Schneider asked for clarifications regarding the recent law concerning street corner collections. Attorney McPhedran said he is researching. Alderman Edgcomb said he received confirmation that the group collecting at the Bucklin and 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection was informed of the collection time of 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

Alderman Demes reminded residents that even with the dry weather when grass is now growing, that the weeds are still growing, and residents need to keep those weeds trimmed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon that Dir./Supt. Sam McNeilly is authorized to purchase a new Vermeer BC1500 chipper/shredder from Vermeer Midwest, subject to having further council input and approval on the financing.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2355: Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with Dore & Associates Contracting, Inc.

Regarding Demolition of Matthiessen School and Related Matters, subject to the Grant Administrator's approval; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

**Ordinance No. 2355: Ordinance Authorizing Agreement with Dore & Associates Contracting, Inc. Regarding Demolition of Matthiessen School and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that Resolution No. 201210: Resolution Approving Charitable Donation Pledge Agreement; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried

**Resolution No. 201210: Resolution Approving Charitable Donation Pledge Agreement**

**COMMENTS**

Engineer Furlan announced that he will be “locked up” by the MDA and he asked that anyone wanting to make a donation to MDA for his bail to see him after the meeting.

Superintendent Sam McNeilly mentioned that many cities hit recently by severe storms were still cleaning up and he wanted the public to know that there were many communities giving assistance through the Illinois Public Works which the city’s part of.

Economic Director Don Aleksy said that staging would begin next week in preparation for the demolition of Matthiessen School.

Mayor Grove recognized the swimming pool staff, the volunteer coaches, and Public Works for their work at the swimming pool during the hot weather. The pool was at capacity for several days.

Mayor Grove gave a reminder about the ongoing Farmers Market at Hegeler Park every Tuesday afternoon, and the Canal Market held in the LaSalle State Bank parking lot on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each week.

Mayor Grove announced that city personnel have passed the 100<sup>th</sup> accident free day and the employees will be treated to a cookout luncheon on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Grove congratulated Alderman Edgcomb on the birth of his daughter.

8:00 P.M. Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the council adjourns the regular meeting and goes into executive session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and related matters and potential acquisition of city real estate and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: collective bargaining, including performance and discipline, with AFSCME, FOP, Fire Department Union and related matters and potential acquisition of city real estate and related matters.**

8:42 P.M. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider that bills submitted totaling \$835,614.92 (Payroll \$305,897.93; bills to be paid \$204,509.06 bills paid \$325,207.93) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove announced that a Public Hearing is scheduled in the Council Chambers of City Hall for 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 17, 2012 concerning a LaSalle Community Partnership TIF District. A second Public Hearing will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the regular council meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 7:00 P.M. for comments regarding the proposed appropriation ordinance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:45P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk